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SUBJECT: JOINT WEEKA #50

### 1. NE WIN ON THE RAMPAGE (CONF)

IN A SPECTACULAR INCIDENT, PRESIDENT NE WIN, DECEMBER 24, ENTERED THE BALLROOM OF THE INYA LAKE HOTEL WHERE A CHRISTMAS EVE DANCE WAS BEING HELD AND PROCEEDED TO PHYSICALLY ATTACK AT LEAST THREE PEOPLE AND DISPERSE THE BAND. INCIDENT MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY FAMILY PROBLEMS INCLUDING DISPUTE WITH DAUGHTER KHIN SANDA WIN WHO REPORTEDLY ATTENDED DANCE AGAINST NE WIN'S WISHES (RANGOON 3647). NE WIN HAS HISTORY OF VIOLENT TEMPER WHICH IS APPARENTLY EASILY SET OFF BY PERSONAL MATTERS.

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### 2. NE WIN DAUGHTER MARRIES (LOU)

NE WIN'S DAUGHTER, KHIN SANDA WIN, WHO MAY HAVE SPARKED INYA LAKE HOTEL INCIDENT (SEE PREVIOUS ITEM) WAS MARRIED DECEMBER 26 TO AYE ZAW WIN. KHIN SANDA WIN IS ELDEST OF THREE DAUGHTERS WHICH RESULTED FROM UNION OF PRESIDENT NE WIN AND HIS DECEASED SECOND WIFE, KITTY (DAW KHIN MAE THAN). AYE ZAW WIN IS REPORTEDLY A COMMON SAILOR ON A FOREIGN FLAG LINE WHOSE FATHER IS U ZAW MYINT THEIN (PREVIOUSLY CALLED U ZAW WIN), A FORMER BURMESE AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE WHO WAS RECALLED IN THE MID 1950'S AND DISMISSED OVER A SHORTAGE OF FUNDS IN THE EMBASSY. (HE CHANGED HIS NAME TO CHANGE HIS LUCK). KHIN SANDA WIN IS A FIFTH YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT.

3. PRC TRADE DELEGATION (LOU)

PRC EXTERNAL TRADE MINISTER LI CHIANG AND ACCOMPANYING PARTY DEPARTED RANGOON DEC 27 AFTER FIVE-DAY VISIT TO BURMA (WEEK #49, ITEM 1). DELEGATION WAS ACCORDED HIGH-LEVEL TREATMENT MEETING WITH BOTH PRESIDENT NE WIN AND PRIME MINISTER U SEIN WIN AS WELL AS OTHER MINISTERS AND RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS FROM CONCERNED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES. MFA SOURCE SAID TALKS CONCENTRATED STRICTLY ON TRADE, BUT NO FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING DISCUSSIONS YET AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, ASSUMING TRADE MAIN TOPIC, TALKS PROBABLY CENTERED ON TWO MAIN ISSUES: (1) ITEMS BURMA COULD OBTAIN IN CRAWING DOWN ON ITS COMMODITY LOAN FROM PRC; AND (2) THREE-CORNERED TRADE ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY PRC BUYS RICE FROM BURMA FOR SHIPMENT TO SRI LANKA IN RETURN FOR RUBBER AND OTHER COMMODITIES. VISIT MAY ALSO BE VIEWED AS SOMETHING OF A BALANCE TO FOREIGN MINISTER HLA PHONE'S VISIT TO CHINA LAST NOVEMBER.

4. GUB ABOLISHES ROTARY AND OTHER CLUBS (LOU)

GUB MINISTRY OF HOME AND RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS ISSUED ORDER EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 25, 1975 ABOLISHING ROTARY CLUBS OF RANGOON, TAUNGGYI AND MOULMEIN AS WELL AS RANGOON LIONS CLUB AND WORLD PEACE CONGRESS. NO REASON GIVEN AS TO WHY GUB CHOSE TO ACT AGAINST THESE ORGANIZATIONS AT THIS TIME AFTER PERMITTING THEM TO EXIST DURING EARLIER, MORE XENOPHOBIC PERIOD OF PRESENT REGIME. HOWEVER, GUB MAINTAINED ITS NEUTRALIST BALANCE IN THIS MOVE AS ROTARY AND LIONS CLUBS CONSIDERED WESTERN-ORIENTED, CAPITALIST ORGANIZATIONS WHILE WORLD PEACE CONGRESS LARGELY SPONSORED BY CONFIDENTIAL

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5. BSPP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETS (LOU)

BSPP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MET FOR TWO DAYS DECEMBER 29-30. APPARENTLY

LITTLE TRANSPIRED EXCEPT FOR MINOR BSPP PERSONNEL CHANGES. MEETING REPORTEDLY HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH REGIMENTAL COMMANDER'S CON-

REFERENCE IN RANGOON. MANY SENIOR ARMY COMMANDERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE BSPP CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

6. GENERALS TIN OO AND SAN YU HIT THE ROAD (UNCLAS)

GENERAL TIN OO, MINISTER OF DEFENSE, AND GENERAL SAN YU, BSPP GENERAL SECRETARY, TOURED SHAN STATE AREA RECENTLY, APPARENTLY IN ON-GOING GUB CAMPAIGN TO "SHOW THE FLAG" IN THE INSURGENT-RIDDEN AREA. GENERAL TIN OO VISITED AREA DECEMBER 20-23 WHILE GENERAL SAN YU VISITED FROM DECEMBER 21-23. THE TWO APPARENTLY FOLLOWED SIMILAR SCHEDULES, CALLING TOGETHER ON VARIOUS BSPP, ARMY AND LOCAL PEOPLE'S COUNCIL FUNCTIONARIES, RETURNING TOGETHER TO RANGOON ON DECEMBER 23. TOURS OF THE ETHNIC MINORITY AREAS OF BURMA BY GUB LEADERS IN ANTICIPATION OF UNION DAY CELEBRATIONS ARE TRADITIONAL.

7. NARCOTICS: OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED (UNCLAS06)

DECEMBER 31 PRESS ANNOUNCED THAT IN "OPERATION ZINNU" LAUNCHED EARLIER THIS MONTH IN THE CHIN STATE, 264 ACRES OF OPIUM POPPY HAVE THUSFAR BEEN DESTROYED. ELSEWHERE, 55 ACRES OF OPIUM HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IN THE KALAW AREA, 30 MILES WEST OF TAUNGGYI. BOTH OF THESE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE PEOPLE'S POLICE FORCE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DG U SHWE THAN, PERHAPS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BURMA ARMY. BURMESE LANGUAGE HANTHAWADDY IN EDITORIAL DECEMBER 30, CALLS FOR SIMULTANEOUS CAMPAIGN AGAINST NARCOTICS CULTIVATION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE. EDITORIAL CITES "SUBVERSIVE FORCES" AS "BACKBONE AND STRENGTH" OF NARCOTICS TRADE AND TERMS DRUG SUPPRESSION AS AN "ANTI-INSURGENCY AND INSURGENCY ERADICATION CAMPAIGN".

8. PERSONNEL (UNCLAS)

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PRESS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED COUNCIL OF STATE HAD CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS OF U BA KYAW AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF NEWS AND PERIODICALS CORPORATION AND OF U KYAW ZA AS DIRECTOR OF THE MYANMA OIL CORPORATION (MOC).  
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